

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2928

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PROBLEM RAISED BY EX SERVICEMEN ASSOCIATION OF NICOBAR

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any memorandum for Ex-Servicemen Association of Campbel Bay of great Nicobar;
- (b) if so, details of the problem raised in the memorandum;
- (c) the problems they are facing after Tsunami; and
- (d) the action the Government has taken to solve their such problems?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The main problems raised by them are :

(i) While they were rehabilitated by the Government in the then largely uninhabited islands due to security reasons and were settled in dense jungles, now illegal migrants have been allowed to encroach/settle near Campbell Bay. It has been stated that the illegal migrants/encroachers have been receiving benefits such as electricity/water connections and have become office bearers of local bodies like Panchayats.

(ii) Existing settlements of ex-servicemen are not well connected and lack basic amenities like health facilities, roads etc.

(c) : The main problems they are facing after Tsunami, indicated in the memorandum are :

(i) They have not got relief/compensation but the encroachers/illegal migrants residing at safer places have manipulated and got these benefits.

(ii) Names of ex-servicemen and their family members who had gone to mainland for treatment, higher education, etc., have not been included in the list for Tsunami relief and rehabilitation.

(d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.